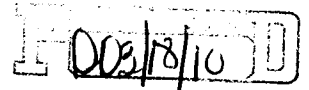


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Subject: Rate Hike

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter concerning the rate hike S.C.E.&G is asking. My husband and I are Disable Seniors S.C.E.&G customers on a fixed income with no raise in the foreseeable future. How can S.C.E.&G continue Rate Hikes when people are out of jobs, losing their homes, already having to choose between paying for medicine and buying food? At this rate in the winter people will freeze to death in their homes because they can't afford to pay the high bill, during the summer people with respiratory problems such as myself cannot breathe without air condition. I am a severe asthmatic, use oxygen, I have been placed on life support four times, winter also plays a big part in my health because of the cold temperatures. With another Rate Hike I can see now what the summer months will mean I will most likely have to leave my home and go to a shelter or someone home when the heat get too hot and I can't breathe. Don't even mention that calculated rate plan S.C.E.&G have to pay one rate every month it is highway robbery.

The last three months I have received a bill just a dollar short of five hundred dollars, something is wrong with this picture. Two people living in a home with no children, very, very little visitors, very little cooking use the oven about once every six months, wash clothes twice a month with cold water, use new energy bulbs, very seldom use the other side of the house. I know for a fact the rich neighborhood with the huge homes do not pay the same rates as the poor and low income neighborhood. If you think we have a lot of homeless people now just keep raising rates and only the rich will be paying the bill, its sad when a dollar over power a human life please consider the little people that only have a little before raising the rates.

Thank You,

Willie M. Graham-Hoefer
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